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FOIPA NO: 924861
RE: Howe, Irving

Dear Requester:

Reference is made to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request noted above.

A search of the FBIHQ Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Index has been conducted and no responsive record was located which indicates that your subject has ever been the target of an ELSUR.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John M. Kelso, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Subject of Request HOWE, IRVING

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Dear Mr. Greenberg:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (Freedom of Information Act) and/or Section 552a (Privacy Act). In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

Section 552

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

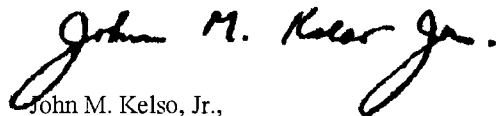
Pursuant to your request, **141** preprocessed pages are being released.

The documents responsive to your request were previously processed for another requester. In order to provide the information you requested as soon as possible, we have released the FBI information as it was originally processed. We have not contacted other government agencies concerning their information in FBI files.

- ☒ If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.
- ☒ See additional information which follows.

A search of the FBIHQ Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Index is presently being conducted. You will be notified of the results.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures (2)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
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- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b) (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
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- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k) (4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k) (6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
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SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: IRVING HOWE

1953-1959;
not a high priority; rec. for Security Index in '54,
but apparently never placed on it. Never called before that.
He got off easily because he was anti-Stalinist.
But he was a public speaker for socialism.
How arbitrary FBI surveillance can be. He isn't
harassed, despite being a leading U.S. figure for
(democratic) socialism. Not him, but me, where is the
parity? No indication they tapped his phone.

SAC, New York

February 27, 1951

Director, FBI

IRVING HOWE
SECURITY MATTER - ISL
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Re: [redacted] dated January 29, 1951, at New York,
entitled "Independent Socialist League-General, Internal Security - ISL."

Referenced report states that Irving Howe was present at the
National Forum of the ISL. [redacted] The Bureau's
files do not reflect an investigation of Irving Howe.

You should attempt to identify the subject and conduct an in-
vestigation of his activities and background. Following your investiga-
tion, you should recommend the preparation of a Security Index card.

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SAC, New York

July 14, 1953

Director, FBI (100-377898)

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IRVING HOWE
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

Rebulet dated 2-27-51.

In view of the extreme delinquency of this case you are instructed to submit a report to reach the Bureau within thirty days from the receipt of this letter.

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On Yellow: New York instructed to conduct investigation by rebulet. Results not yet received.

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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7-8-53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-14; 7-2-53	REPORT MADE BY SE [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE IRVING HORNSTEIN, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - ISL, SWP

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

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DETAILS: At St. Louis, Missouri

DATE 9-17-77 BY SP03702 BCELM

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Irving Howe

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REFERENCE: New York letter to St. Louis dated May 7, 1953.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/7/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/8, 12, 19, 21, 2/19, 3/16, 17, 4/6, 7, 29, 30; 5/27, 28/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa: Irving Howe			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - ISL
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides at Princeton, New Jersey, and self-employed as writer and literary critic. Reliable informant advised subject member of Socialist Party and Young Peoples Socialist League, [REDACTED] and member of Workers Party and Socialist Workers Party, [REDACTED] Subject member of Harlem Branch of Workers Party and member of National Committee of Workers Party. [REDACTED] Reliable informants advised subject was member of Industrial Branch of Independent Socialist League [REDACTED] and functionary at National Plenum of ISL. Subject member of Editorial Board of "Labor Action", 1946-1948 and co-editor of "New International." Subject resigned as member of ISL in October, 1948, on his insistence that the ISL support the US in case of war with Russia. Informant advised subject believed to have formed his own splinter group from ISL. [REDACTED]			
DETAILS: The title of this case is being marked "changed" to reflect the true name of the subject as IRVING HORENSTEIN, as reflected in the subject's birth records. All confidential informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise stated. This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who advised on [REDACTED] that one IRVING HOWE was present at the National Plenum of the Independent Socialist League which was held [REDACTED]. The informant advised that the subject was considered to be an important functionary in the Independent Socialist League. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 RDP BCLM ON 9-17-97 375-669			
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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Independent Socialist League:

"Independent Socialist League (Workers Party)

"1. Cited as subversive and as having been formerly known as the Workers Party.....'represents but a change in name and is devoted to the same aims and purposes of its predecessor.' This is an organization which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.' (Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 29, 1949.)"

BACKGROUND

Birth

The records of the Board of Health, New York, New York, were checked by [REDACTED] on January 12, 1953, and reflected that the subject, as IRVING HORENSTEIN, was born on June 11, 1920, at 530 139th Street, New York, New York. The subject's parents were listed as DAVID HORENSTEIN, father, and NETTIE GOLDMAN HORENSTEIN, mother, both born in Russia. b7C

Education

The records of the City College of New York, as made available by [REDACTED] Clerk, Office of the Registrar, reflect the following concerning the subject's education: b7C

February, 1933 - February, 1936 DeWitt Clinton High School
New York City

September, 1936 - February, 1940 City College of New York
Received Bachelor of Science
degree in Social Science

Marital Status

The records of the Marriage Bureau, Board of Health, New York, New York, reflect that IRVING HOWE was married [REDACTED] b7C

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at the Bronx, New York, Certificate of Marriage No. 5442.

Military Records

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] another Government agency which maintains personnel records, reflect the subject was inducted into the United States Army on July 27, 1942, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was honorably discharged from service on January 18, 1946, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. b2

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised in October of 1943 that one IRVING HOWE, whose true name is IRVING HORENSTEIN, was a Corporal in the United States Army and occupied a position as a clerk in the enlistment center at Camp Upton, New York. b2

Identification Record

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as checked by SA [REDACTED] on January 8, 1953, contain no arrest record for the subject. b7C

Employment

The records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] reflect that the subject has been self-employed as a writer and literary critic since his graduation from the City College of New York in 1940. b2

The January 24, 1949, issue of "Labor Action" describes IRVING HOWE as a literary critic.

It is to be noted that the publication "Labor Action" has been cited as "the official organ of the Independent Socialist League, formerly the Workers Party," by Attorney General J. HOWARD McGRATH, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 29, 1949.

Residences

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on January 2, 1951, that IRVING HOWE resided on Grover Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, during December of 1950. b2 b7D

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted], that IRVING HOWE, who is active in the affairs of the Independent Socialist League, resides in Princeton, New Jersey. b2 b7D

The records of Confidential Informant [redacted] reflect the following residences for the subject: b2

July, 1941 145 West Fourth Street, New York, New York

July, 1942 1394 Stebbins Avenue, Bronx, New York

March, 1946 336 East 107th Street, New York, New York

AFFILIATION WITH THE INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE, THE WORKERS PARTY,
AND THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

It is to be noted that the Independent Socialist League, the Workers Party, and the Socialist Workers Party have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted], that IRVING HOWE was believed to have been a member of the National Executive Board of the Young Peoples Socialist League [redacted] b2/b7D

Concerning the Young Peoples Socialist League, it is to be noted that in various issues of "Challenge of Youth", the official organ of the Young Peoples Socialist League, from 1919 to 1935, that the Young Peoples Socialist League was the left wing of the Young Communist League, a youth group of the Communist Party; that in 1935 it split from the Young Communist League and in 1938 became the junior section of the Socialist Workers Party, and that in 1940, when a split occurred in the Socialist Workers Party, it became the youth section of the Workers Party.

It is to be noted that the Communist Party and the Young Communist League have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised during 1943 that the Socialist Party, USA, also had a young people's socialist league which followed the economic beliefs of KARL MARX but opposed such policies as b2 b7D

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carried out by STALIN and TROTSKY. The members of the Young Peoples Socialist League who were affiliated with the Socialist Workers Party followed the beliefs of MARX but also followed the "line" of TROTSKY.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] further stated that the Young Peoples Socialist League of the Socialist Party, USA, followed some of the policies of the Communist Party but that it was opposed to political dictatorship as exemplified by the Communist government of STALIN.

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The September 11, 1937, issue of "The Militant", which is the official organ of the Socialist Workers Party in the United States, reflects that the subject attended the Ninth National Convention of the Fourth International Movement of the Young Peoples Socialist League held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from September 3, 1937, to September 5, 1937, and that the subject was elected as an alternate to the National Executive Committee.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on June 20, 1946, that IRVING HOWE registered with the Workers Party during June and July of 1946, and indicated that he had been a member of the Workers Party since 1940. The informant advised that the subject further indicated membership in the following organizations: (K)

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- (K) [
- Socialist Workers Party 1940-1946
 - Young Peoples Socialist League 1934-1946
 - Socialist Party 1934-1946
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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] further advised that the subject was a member of the Editorial Board of "Labor Action" during 1946. (K)

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that IRVING HOWE was a member of the Harlem Branch of the Workers Party [REDACTED] and was also a member of the outgoing National Committee of the Workers Party [REDACTED] and was believed by the informant to have been re-elected.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that IRVING HOWE was a member of the Editorial Board of "Labor Action". [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that IRVING HOWE was a member of the Industrial Branch of the Independent Socialist League in New York City. [redacted]

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CONFIDENTIAL
Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that IRVING HOWE was present at the National Plenum of the Independent Socialist League [redacted]. The informant stated that the subject was considered to be an important functionary in the Independent Socialist League at this time.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that he knew IRVING HOWE as a member of the Socialist Workers Party or the Workers Party [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on December 4, 1952, furnished a "statement of resignation of IRVING HOWE and [redacted] from the ISL" dated October 12, 1952. This statement is as follows: [redacted]

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(4) 4 ["STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF IRVING HOWE
AND [redacted] FROM THE ISL

October 12, 1952]

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"Independent Socialist League,

"Dear Comrades:

"With this letter, we formally resign from the Independent Socialist League.

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"Our long membership in the ISL, our participation in its work, and our respect for its members, require that we explain this seep wich, of course, has been taken only after long and painful reflection. (K)✓

"We are and intend to remain democratic socialists. Our motive in leaving the ISL is a conviction that it has ceased to be useful for advancing the cause of democratic socialism or for providing a lively center in which its problems can be discussed. (K)✓

"The chronic crisis in which the ISL finds itself is due, primarily, of course, to the hostile atmosphere in which we live, the general break-down of world socialism. It is possible that the decline of all the small groups of the non-~~Stalinist~~ left indicates simply that there is no longer any place or need for such groups. But these facts do not quite explain the inner collapse of the ISL, its loss of vitality and intellectual resilience. The intellectual incompetence of the ISL seems to us primarily responsible for its much-mooted organizational crisis. (K)✓

"The one major role the ISL could have played in the past period -- that of a center for free socialist discussion -- it has rejected. The organization has always been characterized by a political split personality; between its ties with the heritage of Trotskyism and its healthy fumbblings toward a new view of American socialism, between its need for 'orthodoxy' and its need for reassessment. It has repeatedly struck out toward new ideas and then retreated to familiar formulas, sometimes simply in order 'to keep the group together.' At one time, in the early 1940's, it seemed as if it had not only abandoned the errors of Trotsky on the Russian question but also the now largely irrelevant tradition and tone of American Trotskyism. But in the past few years there has been a hardening of ideological arteries. The shell of isolation has begun to seem almost comfortable, and what was once felt to be the tragedy of sect life has now covertly become glorified in the psychology of the 'saving remnant'. (K)✓

"Marx's definition of a sect applies to the ISL of today with embarrassing accuracy: 'The sect finds its reason for existence in its point of honor; it does not look for it in what it has in common with the labor movement, but in some particular sign which sets it off from this movement.' The ideological baggage, the pretentious organizational structure and the aura of moralistic self-justification have now become its 'point of honor'. (K)✓

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"That the ISL is a sect need not, in itself, have been fatal; at the present movement no socialist group in America can be anything but a sect. What is fatal is that the bad habits and outlooks of sect life have been accepted with increasing pride. Labor Action speaks in tones that are strident, dogmatic and often lifeless; it reflects the desperate intransigence of its contributors rather than any effort to think about the present world in terms that have some relation to people outside the sect. The New International, which should have been the focus for a serious study of both Marxism in crisis and of current intellectual and political life, is dead. Neglected by the ISL leadership, seldom containing an article that is more than a ritualistic rehearsal of familiar platitudes. Its influence in American intellectual life is nil; its value is hardly greater. At a time when the major need is for serious study - for the writing of books, for self-education, for the reestimation of accepted doctrines - there is only the steady stream of flat 'propaganda' which is equally boring to the handful who read it and the handful who write it. 'Die-hardism', particularly as reflected in the editorial policy and tone of Labor Action, has become the dominant force in the ISL. Its press consists of a monologue devoted to ferocious self-convincing. (P) 4

"It is the condition of the ISL, even more than the disagreements we have with it, which prompts our resignation. Each time during the past years that a step had been taken by its political and theoretical spokesman to develop a more realistic and relevant position - on the Marshall Plan, the Korean War, the British Labor Government, the role of labor in the democratic primaries, the problem of the national elections, etc. - the same dreary pattern has resulted. The ISL chairman advances a necessary modification or change of program; the 'die-hards', primed by intellectual frustration to seek factional struggles, pounce on this latest 'deviation'; and the ISL chairman, to keep peace in his house, retreats behind a smokescreen of diplomacy and maneuver. Things are 'fixed up' while the intellectual muddle thickens steadily. The most important and depressing example of this occurred recently when the ISL chairman wrote an article on the war question which, in effect, involved a sharp change of position. Then, under pressure from the 'die-hards', he maneuvered his way into a cloud of ambiguity. This is an atmosphere the very opposite of frank controversy and open disagreement. It makes all ideas impossible because none are taken seriously and as a result there is no clear understanding of which ideas are held and which rejected. The political condition of the ISL is at present little more than a state of floating anxiety covered up by doctrine rigidity. (P) 4

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"This, in summary form, is the way we see the ISL at present. Were it an organization of liveliness and viability, we would consider remaining it to persuade, or attempt to persuade, its members to our point of view. As it is, such an effort could only lead to frustration and pointless bitterness on both sides. (K) C

"We have a number of political disagreements with the ISL, but we shall here mention only one: the war question. The 'Third Camp' concept seems now to us meaningless, a fetish. There are not available, at the present juncture, those historical energies which alone could activate a Third Camp - and as the slogan drags alone in ISL propaganda it has no particular relation to the shift of events. It takes on a life of its own detached from the realities of European or American politics. (K) C

"We are opposed to war, and urge resistance to those who accept or desire a Third World War. We believe in the need to cooperate with whatever forces resist this tendency while also resisting the advances of Stalinism. But, as democratic socialists, our place is in the Western World, the democratic world, no matter how sharp our criticisms of its bourgeois leadership. The struggle between Stalinism and the West is not merely a struggle for the imperialist division of the world, but also, and in terms of consequences, more fundamentally a struggle between two ways of living; between democracy, however marred, and the most bestial totalitarianism ever known. Consequently, we do not believe socialists can retire to some isle of rectitude more or less equidistant from both sides; we must be the socialist wing of the west which propounds the idea that the defeat of Stalinism can best be achieved through political means, but recognizes simultaneously that the survival of democracy as we know it is indispensable for socialism, for the working class, for humanity. We retain every right to criticize the bourgeois leadership for its policy vis-a-vis Stalinism, but we do so from a frank recognition that we are aligned with the West in its struggle against the Stalinist world. We do not accept the notion that the struggle of the West is merely for the retention of capitalistic power; it is one in which the people of the world are vitally involved, in which the whole heritage of civilization is at stake. That this should be so shows how desperate our political situation is, but the truth must be recognized. (K) C

"We have not tried here to elaborate our description of the ISL or argue in behalf of our position on the war question. We have merely sketched our (K) C

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conclusions in the hope that the members of the ISL, agree or not, will recognize the premises and evidences from which they follow. (K) 5

"We believe that the major task of socialism today is to engage in sustained intellectual activity, mainly with the end of reorientating and educating themselves. Were this possible in a sect atmosphere, we would have remained in the ISL despite our differences of opinion. As it is, we must face the necessity of doing what we can as individual socialists, left to our own resources and responsibilities. We are eager to discuss with all who face the same problems we do, but we do not believe that at the present moment there is any useful for hard-and-fast 'parties' or 'leagues'. (K) 5

"We regard the ISL as a socialist tendency, among others, with which we presently disagree. Toward it we feel no hostility. If there will be a coming together of American socialists in the next few years, we hope that the ISL, or elements of it, will play a part. In the meantime, we are ready to maintain those friendly relations which should always exist among democratic socialists of all persuasion, as well as whatever mutually acceptable collaboration may seem desirable. But we cannot, in honesty, believe that our future membership can have any value. (K) 4

(K) 4

"Fraternally,

IRVING HOWE,
[REDACTED]

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In addition to the above statement of resignation, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] provided a copy of the Independent Socialist League Political Committee statement dated November 4, 1952, regarding the resignation of IRVING HOWE [REDACTED] from the Independent Socialist League. This statement consists in part of the following: (K) 4

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"All else in the statement are merely unthought-out and undeveloped hints, rather than boldly stated, clear-cut views. Hasn't this been characteristic of both HOWE [REDACTED] How did their present decision to leave ISL come about without discussing a single question with the responsible bodies of the organization? The membership ought to know that in a sense the resignations came as a surprise to the League. It was never a secret that HOWE [REDACTED] had 'differences', entertained 'opposing views' or disagreed with the ISL [REDACTED] on this, that or another question (K) 4

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"In the case of HOWE, it was known that he had 'misgivings' on the anti-war position of the ISL and that he had 'defensist' leanings. But what was never known to the ISL, and what HOWE could never make clear was a coherent and explicit declaration of his views, new or old, so that we could understand and discuss them with him. His doubts about Marxism (to the extent that he knew and understood it) were expressed, to be sure, in other journals; he had 'feelings' about the movement in general, its theories and programs, and its history. But they were never based on solid knowledge. Indirectly, and sometimes directly, the organization tried to assist and correct HOWE in his more heady and ridiculous flights in the world of theory, history, and politics. That it didn't do enough of this, may be true, but her also, it should always be borne in mind the organization was dealing with an 'independent spirit', whose own 'feelings' about the organization and its leadership precluded that kind of intellectual relationship. (S) 4

"Not many weeks ago, HOWE wrote a long defense of Marxism, socialism and the 'tendency' represented by the New International in the magazine, answering the Princeton volumes on American socialism. He spoke at a large forum of the New York ISL developing some of the views of the article. True, not all of the comrades were satisfied with the manner of this defense, the errors of omission and the somewhat primitive understanding of Marxism in America. But the fact that HOWE made this defense seemed satisfying to most. He has spoken a great for the SYL in recent months and more or less reflected the general views of the ISL. His present step, therefore, does come as a slight surprise to those who interpreted the above actions as indications that HOWE was being drawn closer to the movement, or rather, driven closer to it by the stupidities of its critics. But HOWE's political instability is not a new thing and his present action is an expression of it, not in contradiction to it. (S) 4

"A discussion of organization with HOWE [REDACTED] would indeed be vain. Had they presented and fought for their views, or sought to win support for them, a fruitful, educational discussion would certainly have resulted. But they chose not to do this. They insinuate that such an attempt was made. But that is simply not true. What we have been presented with is a spectacle of intellectual and political irresponsibility by two individuals who have never been able to formulate their views, let alone to state clearly and unambiguously what they considered the 'new' and 'startling' grave problems of the socialist movement to be (S) 4

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"For us, the ideal of the greatest importance to our generation, is the maintenance against all odds of a socialist organization, a movement to keep alive the great socialist traditions of the past and present for the coming generations, to carry on an unceasing, continuous struggle for democracy, internationalism, socialism. Anyone who abandons this task with a slick slogan like 'we support the west', identifies himself with one of the imperialist powers or camps, and ceases to be, in the real sense of the word, a socialist. In the case of HOWE [REDACTED] it has been done by a desertion of socialist ideals and principles and there is a moral, as well as political, lesson to be learned from this action. (S) b7C

["Nov. 4, 1952"] (S) (S) C

"THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE ISL"]

Concerning [REDACTED] Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on June 20, 1946, that [REDACTED] whose true name is [REDACTED] was a member of the Socialist Workers Party, the Young Peoples Socialist League, the Workers Party, and the Independent Socialist League. The informant further advised that [REDACTED] (S) (S) (S) (S) b2/b7E b7C

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that IRVING HOWE lead a split within the Independent Socialist League about December of 1952, which was caused by IRVING HOWE's insistence that the ISL support the United States in case of war with Soviet Russia. The informant further advised that he believed IRVING HOWE, who is a resident of Princeton, New Jersey, has formed his own splinter group. b2 b7D

SPEECHES AND LECTURES OF SUBJECT WHICH
ESPOUSED THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

The January 24, 1949 issue of "Labor Action" reflects that the subject, IRVING HOWE, was scheduled to conduct a lecture on April 17, 1949 at the Labor Action Hall, 114 West 14th Street, New York, New York. The title of his discussion was to be "Two Novelists and their Times - Melville and Hawthorne."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised during August of 1949 that IRVING HOWE addressed a branch meeting of the Socialist Youth League at the [REDACTED] (S) (S) (S) (S) b2 b7E

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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] b7C
The informant stated that HOWE's address was entitled "Bureaucracy in Trade Unions." (K) 4

The Socialist Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

It is to be noted that as of October 25, 1948, [REDACTED] was listed on the Editorial Board of "Labor Action." b7C

The November 7, 1949, issue of "Labor Action" carried an article which reflected that the subject entered into a debate with [REDACTED] before the University of Chicago Politics Club on October 14, 1949, at the University of Chicago. The topic of debate was "The Need for a Workers Party." The subject advocated and insisted that labor needs its own political party which can: 2/1/50 b7C

- "1. Set up a genuine center of non-Communist Party left.
- "2. Give workers a sense of strength and prepare them for social and political self-rule.
- "3. Make possible an intelligent discussion of public issues.
- "4. Eliminate 'lesser evil weaknesses which led German socialists in a democracy to facilitate HITLER's road to power.'
- "5. Help cohere forces of the non-Communist Party left with the union to force TRUMAN to give concessions as he did even during the WALLACE campaign.
- "6. Organize the unemployed.
- "7. Train young labor."

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The article further reflected that the subject made a series of lectures in Chicago during October of 1949.

The April 30, 1950, issue of "Labor Action" contains an announcement by the University of Chicago Chapter of the Socialist Youth League that IRVING HOWE would lecture on April 30, 1950, on the Hydrogen Bomb and the Future of Socialism.

The May 8, 1950, issue of "Labor Action" reflects that IRVING HOWE was a member of a panel which led a symposium on "Labor Tells Its Story" at the Labor Educational Association Quarterly Conference held at the Broadwood Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1950.

The Autumn, 1950, issue of the "Anvil", a student anti-war quarterly published by the New York Student Federation Against War, 247 Lexington Avenue, New York City, contains a symposium on the merits of government investigations entitled, "The FBI and Civil Liberties." The article reflects that IRVING HOWE was requested by the "Anvil" to express his opinion on the following questions:

"1. Do you think that the method of certain investigating agencies of gathering information on the basis of personal conversation and hearsay is a threat to individual liberties?

To this question the subject answered "yes."

"2. Do you think such proceedings are justified in light of the present world situation?

To this question the subject answered "no."

"3. Would you give information about a friend or acquaintance to an agent of the FBI?

To this question the subject answered "no."

"4. Would it make any difference if this person were a Communist, a Fascist, or Trotskyite?"

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To this question the subject answered, "It is unusual even to list Trotskyites in the same question with Fascists and Stalinists. The latter two can sometimes be spies of foreign imperialist powers, the Trotskyites, agree with them or not, are interested only in expressing their ideas." The subject stated further that he would not aid the FBI in developing information concerning Trotskyites or any "left wing" group.

WRITINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SUBJECT

The subject was listed by the publication "Labor Action" as a member of the Editorial Board of "Labor Action" from 1940 up to and including May 3, 1948.

The subject has contributed articles to "The New International", a bi-monthly magazine published at 114 West 14th Street, New York, New York, and is identified on the first page as being "an organ of revolutionary Marxism."

The October, 1946, issue of "The New International" contains an article by IRVING HOWE entitled "The Significance of Koestler."

A review of the various issues of "The New International" revealed the following contributions of the subject:

"February, 1947	"On Historical Methodology"
April, 1947	"How Partisan Review Goes to War"
September, 1947	"The Concentrationary Universe"
October, 1947	"The Flight from Politics"
December, 1947	"Why Stalin Needs Slaves"
December, 1949	"Intellectual Freedom and the Stalinist Teachers"
November, 1950	"1984 - Utopia Reversed"
May, 1952	"The Critics of American Socialism"

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The summer quarterly issue, 1952, of the "Anvil" describes IRVING HOWE as a free lance writer and author of "Sherwood Anderson", "UAW" and "Walter Reuther", "Southern Myth", and "William Falkner."

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have a general knowledge of Communist Party activities in the New York City area, advised that they do not know the subject. b2 b7D

[REDACTED] The Board of Elections records, as checked by SE [REDACTED] on January 12, 1953, contain no record of the subject. b7C

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as checked by SA [REDACTED] on January 8, 1953, contain no record of the subject. b7C

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of Confidential Informant [REDACTED] previously mentioned, and information furnished by Confidential Informant [REDACTED] previously mentioned: b2 b7E

Name	IRVING HORENSTEIN, with alias: Irving Howe
Date of Birth	June 11, 1920
Place of Birth	New York, New York
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light
Build	Medium
Occupation	Writer
Employment	Self-employed

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Residences

1941 - 145 West Fourth Street
New York, New York

1942 - 1394 Stebbins Avenue
New York, New York

1946 - 336 East 107th Street
New York, New York

Marital Status

Married, June 15, 1941, at
Bronx, New York

Immediate Relatives

Father, DAVID HORENSTEIN
763 Jennings Street
Bronx, New York

Mother, NETTIE HORENSTEIN
763 Jennings Street
Bronx, New York

Army Serial No.

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INFORMANTS

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[REDACTED]	attended National Plenum of ISL, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	NY 100-6680-916
[REDACTED] Selective Service records	Background	1/15/53	SE [REDACTED]	Instant rpt.
[REDACTED]	1943 Member of Workers Party	October, 1943	New York Office Written rpt.	100-6680-1A16
[REDACTED] Anonymous letter to New York Office	Background	1/2/51	New York Office	100-0-59688A
[REDACTED] PSI.	December, 1952. Sbj. residing Princeton, N.J., and split with ISL to form splinter group of ISL	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]	Member Nat'l Executive Committee, Young Peoples' Socialist League	[REDACTED]	SAS [REDACTED]	NK 100-33827-1A-4

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Statement of resignation of subject [REDACTED] from ISL
Statement of ISL Political Committee regarding subject's resignation

12/4/52

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used to document [REDACTED] and publication "Anvil"

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Member, Harlem Branch of Workers Party	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-81932-1
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Member of Editorial Board	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-80693-1A
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED] Written Report	NY 100-6680-1A147 DE 100-12583
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Member of Industrial Branch of ISL, NYC.	[REDACTED]	SA [REDACTED]	100-6680-1A382
[REDACTED]	Member of WP or SWP	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Awaiting documentation from Miami	NY 100-108270-1A1 p. 16

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(K) [REDACTED] August 13, 1949
Subject made speech before meeting of Socialist Youth League, NYC.

August, 1949

SA [REDACTED]

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(K) [REDACTED] Negative

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SA [REDACTED]

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(K) [REDACTED] Negative

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SA [REDACTED]

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LEADS

NEWARK

At Princeton, New Jersey

Will verify the residence of IRVING HOWE at Princeton, New Jersey, and develop further information which will identify him as IRVING HORENSTEIN.

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LEADS (Cont'd)

NEWARK

It is to be noted that IRVING HOWE was reported to be residing on Grover Avenue, Princeton, New Jersey, on June 7, 1951.

Will re-interview [REDACTED] for any further information he may have concerning the subject.

Will also review indices and contact informants regarding current activities of the subject in the Socialist movement.

ST. LOUIS

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will review Army records at Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, for further background information concerning the subject.

This lead was originally set out in New York letter to St. Louis, 5/7/53.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will submit amended administrative pages upon receipt of information necessary for documentation as requested in separate letters.

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ROUTING SLIP


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(5-12-52)
Date 9-14, 1953

Memo To: **Director, FBI**


NY 100-377898 Title: **IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa:**
 ASAC Irving Howe
 Supervisor SM - ISL
 Agent _____
 Steno _____
 Clerk _____
 Chief Clerk _____
 Special Employee _____ File No. NY 100-81932

ACTION DESIRED

<input type="checkbox"/> Assign to _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Case
<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Tickler
<input type="checkbox"/> Bring File _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reassign to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Call Me _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials
<input type="checkbox"/> See Me _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Search and Return
<input type="checkbox"/> Correct _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Send serials _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent _____	<input type="checkbox"/> to _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Expedite _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out
<input type="checkbox"/> File _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Return _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.	

Rerep SA  8/7/53, NY. 67C

Attached are amended copies of page 18 of rerep setting out complete documentation.

The Bureau and interested offices  request to insert these copies in rerep. 67

NY has done likewise.

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S.A.C. New York
Office J. V. Boardman

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Date 3/10/54, 1954

Memo To: Director, FBI (100-377098)

Title: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa
SAC
ASAC SM - ISL
Supervisor
Agent
Steno
Clerk
Chief Clerk
Special Employee File No. 100-01942

ACTION DESIRED

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<u>Acknowledge</u>	<u>Prepare Tickler</u>
<u>Bring File</u>	<u>Reassign to</u>
<u>Call Me</u>	<u>Recharge serials</u>
<u>See Me</u>	<u>Search and Return</u>
<u>Correct</u>	<u>Send serials</u>
<u>Delinquent</u>	<u>to</u>
<u>Expedite</u>	<u>Submit new charge-put</u>
<u>File</u>	<u>Submit report by</u>
<u>Leads need attention</u>	<u>Type</u>
<u>Read, Initial and</u>	<u>Return Serials</u>
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Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Re report of SA [REDACTED] 10/1/53
 at NY. b7c

Attached are copies of amended page of
 above report.

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1 - Newark (100-33027) att 2
 1 - St. Louis (att 2)

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DATE 3-3-88 BY [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377898)

DATE: 9/2/53

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FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-38255)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa.
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

Origin: New York

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/7/53 at New York, one copy of which is being enclosed for the information of Boston. b7C

Inquiry at Princeton, N.J., has revealed that the subject, his wife, and two small children resided from approximately 1949 until about 6/53 in a home on Grover Ave., Princeton, N.J., which has no street number. They owned and drove a 1950 Chevrolet green coupe bearing New Jersey license for 1953 L/N 65B.

The subject apparently had no regular employment except to write articles of criticism concerning music or literature for magazines or the Sunday papers. [REDACTED] whose name as yet has not been ascertained, [REDACTED] b7C

The subject's former neighbors at Princeton, N.J., report that either the subject or his wife recently obtained an appointment to teach on the faculty of Wellesley College and they moved to a home at nearby Waltham, Mass. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

There is a bare possibility that it may have been the subject's wife who obtained the teaching appointment at Wellesley College and the subject may have obtained other employment nearby.

Newark will provide additional detailed information which will be obtained as soon as Miss Fines School opens after Labor Day.

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CC: New York (2) (100-81932) (Reg. Mail)
Boston (2) (Encl. 1) (Reg. Mail)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377898)

DATE: 10/2/53

FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-38255)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa.
Irving Howe
SM-ISLALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 9-17-99 BY 8803 RDD BCFM

Re Newark letter to Bureau 9/2/53.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted]

Miss Pine's School, Princeton, N.J., b7C

[redacted] at that

[redacted] stated that the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she never saw or heard any indication from the [redacted] b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and that all she knew about him was that he was employed at Princeton, N. J. only as a part-time critic for Time Magazine, and for a short series of lectures at Princeton University. She stated that the subject obtained a teaching appointment at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., and this appointment was what caused the subject and his wife to leave Princeton, N. J.

[redacted] Princeton University, b7C
Princeton, N. J., displayed records reflecting that IRVING HOWE resided on Grover Ave., Princeton, N. J. with Social Security number 093-14-8068 was employed on 9/22/52 to give a lecture course known as the Christian Gauss Seminar on Criticism. She stated that this lecture course was composed of approximately 6 lectures given each week for six weeks to the faculty of Princeton University with possibly a few graduate students also permitted to attend. She stated her records reflected that HOWE was born 6/11/20 at New York City; that he was a U. S. citizen and that he [redacted] b7C
[redacted] on [redacted] at some unstipulated place. [redacted] b7C
[redacted] HOWE stated that his dependents consisted of his wife and two children [redacted]

[redacted] stated that HOWE's employment by Princeton University was limited to the above-mentioned six lectures; that he was not a regular employee of Princeton University in the usual sense; that there was no further information concerning him available. b7C

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REGISTERED MAIL

CC 2-New York (100-81932)reg.mail

2-Boston (encl)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
NK 100-38255

Enclosed for the Boston Office is one copy of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/7/53 at New York City which was designated for enclosure to Boston with relet, but was inadvertently omitted. b7C

Inasmuch as the report being enclosed to Boston describes the subject's marital status solely as being married [REDACTED] certificate of marriage number 5442, the attention of the New York Office is called to the reported [REDACTED] by the subject as set out above [REDACTED] b7C

The Boston Office is requested to promptly verify the subject's current employment at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. and his residence at 87 Parker Rd., Wellesley, Mass.

As the subject and his wife apparently had few, if any, close friends around Princeton, N. J., the Newark Office will continue its efforts to locate individuals who can contribute pertinent information concerning the subject and his wife.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377898)

DATE: November 4, 1953

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-28657)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa.
SM - ISL

Re; Newark letter to Bureau dated October 2, 1953.

[REDACTED] Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised SA [REDACTED] that subject, as IRVING HOWE, was employed by the University as Associate Professor of English.

Personal observation by SA [REDACTED] at Wellesley, Massachusetts, as well as inquiries of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Wellesley, reflects that subject, as IRVING HOWE, is residing at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. - RUC

CC: 2 - NEWARK (100-38255)
2 - NEW YORK (100-81932)

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ON 9-17-97

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TO : Director, FBI (100-377898)
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-81932)
 SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa
 SM - ISL

DATE: 11/17/53

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DATE 9-17-97 BY 9803RDD BCG/LH

Re Boston letter to Director, 11/4/53.

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Boston Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Boston Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 87 Parker Road
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Business Address: Brandeis University
Waltham, Massachusetts

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ * This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
 - ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
 - ☐ (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
 - ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
 - ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
 - ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
 - ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
 - ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
 - ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.
- The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

☐ Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

- 1 - copy report of SA
- 1 - copy report of SE

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2cc: Boston Division (EX-118) (100-28657) & enclosure

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 Report will be submitted 4/30/54
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377898)

DATE: Jan. 29, 1954

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-28657)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, Wa.
SM - ISL

Reboslet to Bureau, dated November 4, 1953.

Referenced letter revealed Subject is currently employed at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts as an Associate Professor of English.

A pretext telephone call to the Registrar, Brandeis University on January 22, 1954 by Special Agent [REDACTED] verified the fact that the Subject continues to be employed at that University in the same capacity. b7C

In view of the above, Bureau authority is requested to initiate a Security investigation on this individual.

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IRVING HORENSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

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Reurlet January 29, 1954.

You are hereby authorized to continue the security-type investigation of the captioned individual who is presently employed as an Associate Professor at Brandeis University, Raltham, Massachusetts.

However, in view of his position as a member of the faculty at an institution of learning, this investigation must be conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Manual of Instructions relating to security-type investigations at institutions of learning.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/23, 9/8, 10, 14, 10/5, 7, 19, 29/53; 1/26, 27, 2/3/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] kmp b7c
TITLE IRVING HOFENSTEIN, wa. Irving Howe			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - ISL

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Local telephone books and directories reflect that IRVING HOWE resided at 22 South Stanworth Drive, Princeton, N.J. from the first part of 1949 until the first part of 1951, when he moved to Grover Ave., Princeton, N.J. Subject [REDACTED] moved in June, 1953 to 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Mass., where the subject accepted a teaching position at nearby Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. Individuals who were casually acquainted with the subject at Princeton, N.J. from 1949 to 1953 reported that the subject had no regular employment and devoted most of his time to writing literary criticisms for Time magazine, and was employed by Princeton University to give a series of 6 lectures on the subject of criticism before a unit of that university. These individuals indicated they knew the subject so casually they could provide no information concerning his attitude toward Communism or any other political or economical subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED] Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, displayed records reflecting that IRVING HOWE was born June 11, 1920 at an unstipulated place, is a U.S. Citizen, and married [REDACTED]

He had 2 children and his wife as dependants, his Social Security Number is 093-14-8068, and he resided in an un-numbered house on Grover Ave., Princeton, New Jersey when engaged on September 22, 1952, to give a total of 6 lectures at the rate of one per week at Princeton

APPROVED AND FORWARDED [REDACTED] 16	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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University before the Christian Gauss Seminar on Criticism. This series of lectures was delivered before a group composed largely of Princeton University faculty members, with a few graduate students also admitted, and did not constitute employment by Princeton University in the usual sense.

The May, 1949 and May, 1950 Mercer County, New Jersey Telephone Directory lists "I. HOME, 22 S. Stanworth Drive, Princeton, New Jersey" as the subscriber for Princeton, New Jersey telephone 362J. The May, 1951 directory of the same company lists, "IRVING HOME, Grover Ave., Princeton, New Jersey, was the subscriber for Princeton, New Jersey telephone 2610-W. The June, 1952 and May, 1953 directories changed this identical listing to telephone PRinceton 1-2610-W.

The 1950 directory for Princeton Borough, New Jersey lists IRVING HOME [REDACTED] as residing at 22 Stanworth Drive, Princeton, New Jersey. b7C

[REDACTED] Miss Fine's School, Bayard Lane at Stockton St., Princeton, New Jersey, stated that she knew little about IRVING HOME, [REDACTED] b7C

IRVING HOME moved to 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts, nearby to his new teaching position at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. b7C

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] The HOWES had one child about 1952 and another about 1953. The only known employment of IRVING HOWE was part-time work for Time Magazine as a critic, and several lectures he delivered at Princeton University. b7C

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that her association with the subject was so casual and infrequent, that she possessed little information upon which to appraise his interests, but he also appeared to be largely interested in his family and his work as a literary critic, on a part-time basis for Time Magazine, and for 6 lectures at nearby Princeton University in 1952. [REDACTED] stated that she never saw or heard anything which indicated how the subject and the subject's wife felt about Communism, or any other political or economical matters.

[REDACTED] b7C
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, stated that he became casually acquainted with the subject. [REDACTED] subject employed to deliver a series of 6 lectures in the Fall of 1952, before the Christian Gauss Seminar on Criticism.

These lectures were delivered by the subject before this group which was largely composed of the faculty members of Princeton University. BAKER stated that he knew so little about the subject, he was in no position to provide any recommendations for the subject; but he did notice the subject had a very bright mind, a nervous disposition, and an immature outlook on life. b7C

[REDACTED] Princeton University, stated that he first met the subject in about [REDACTED] subject started to give the series of 6 lectures at Princeton University. [REDACTED] the subject also attended other meetings of this group held up until the subject moved from Princeton, New Jersey. [REDACTED] stated he did not become well acquainted with the subject during this period, but that what

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he did see of the subject appeared to indicate the subject was a normal American, whose main interests were in Literature.

[REDACTED] Princeton, New Jersey, b7C
stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she was not personally acquainted with the subject or the subject's wife, and knew only that the subject wrote some kind of reviews for magazines and was at home most of the time, [REDACTED] stated she never saw or heard of anything which would indicate that the subject and his wife were not normal, loyal Americans.

[REDACTED] b7C
Princeton, New Jersey, stated that the subject and the subject's wife [REDACTED] to Waltham, Massachusetts, but knew absolutely nothing else about them; inasmuch as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C
Princeton, New Jersey, stated that [REDACTED] and that he has known the subject, [REDACTED] He stated that he knows little about the subject's political or economical beliefs, but he does definitely know that the subject's writings, during the period that he has known the subject, have been definitely anti-Stalinist. He stated he could provide no further information concerning the subject or the subject's wife.

The records of the New Jersey Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Trenton, New Jersey, reflect that a 1952 New Jersey license LN65B, was issued to IRVING HOWE, residing on Grover Ave., Princeton, New Jersey, for use on a 1950 light green Chevrolet, serial #14HJE24713.

A driver's license check of this same bureau reflects that IRVING HOWE received a 1953 New Jersey auto driver's license, "230311. He resided on Grover Ave., Princeton, New Jersey and was described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	33 years
Born:	June 11, 1920, at New York City
Height:	6 ft.
Weight:	188 lbs.
Eyes:	Blue

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Hair:
Employment:

Brown
Writer for Time Magazine,
9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City

The Financial Responsibility Section of this same bureau reflects that this IRVING HOWE was stopped, February 8, 1953, for speeding on U.S. Highway #1, near South Brunswick, New Jersey, and was fined \$10 by the Municipal Court at Cranbury, New Jersey. On March 23, 1953, he was arrested for speeding near 50 Stockton St., Princeton, New Jersey, and was fined \$7.

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The records of [REDACTED] Princeton, New Jersey Police Department, contain no information concerning the subject, under the names HOWE and HORENSTEIN, except for the speeding violation on March 23, 1953 for which he was fined \$7. b7C

The records of [REDACTED] Clerk for the Princeton, New Jersey Borough Magistrate, reflect that IRVING HOWE of Grover Ave., Princeton, New Jersey was arrested by Officer [REDACTED] for speeding in a 1950 green Chevrolet coupe, bearing 1953 New Jersey license LN65B. He was fined \$7 in cost and his description is provided as white, male, 6 ft. tall, weight 188 lbs., age and further description not provided. b7C

Officer [REDACTED] of the Princeton, New Jersey Borough Police Department, stated that he remembered the subject, inasmuch as the subject resided in the vicinity of his own home and he had noticed the subject frequently speeding on the streets in that area. He stated he could provide no information concerning the subject's character, loyalty, or activities. b7C

There was no information concerning the subject in the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Mercer County, 551 Atlantic Ave., Trenton, New Jersey, which covers Princeton, New Jersey.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIALIST LEAGUE

a. Interview With Newark [REDACTED] b2 b7C b7D

On [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] interviewed Newark Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, at which time, the informant stated that IRVING HOWE was active in the Young Peoples Socialist League, [REDACTED] to the best of the informant's knowledge.

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The informant pointed out that [REDACTED] b7D
HOWE was a member of the National Executive Board of the Young Peoples
Socialist League (YPSL), but in 1937, due to internal dissention, the
YPSL split and the informant cannot recall which splinter group HOWE
affiliated with.

The informant stated he was aware that HOWE had another name, b7D
a "short Jewish" name, as the informant recalled it, but the informant
stated the name HORENSTEIN was completely unfamiliar to him.

The informant stated he had has no personal contact with HOWE b7D
[REDACTED] and consequently could furnish no information about his politi-
cal activities or beliefs since that time.

Various issues of "The Challenge of Youth" have stated
that from 1919 to 1935 the Young Peoples Socialist
League was the left wing of the Young Communist League,
a youth group of the Communist Party; that in 1935 the
YPSL split from the Young Communist League; in 1938
it became the junior section of the Socialist Workers
Party; and, that in 1940, when a split occurred in the
Socialist Workers Party, it became the youth section
of the Workers Party. The Young Communist League,
Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party all
have been designated by the Attorney General of the
United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b. Publications

The masthead of the September 15, 1939 issue of "The Challenge
of Youth" reflects this paper is the "Twice-Monthly Organ of the Young
Peoples' Socialist League (Fourth International)", and that the paper is
published by the National Council, Young Peoples' Socialist League of
America, Fourth International. 116 University Place, New York, New York.

The above issue reflects that IRVING HOWE is the Assistant
Editor of the paper.

c. Speeches

The September 22, 1949 issue of the "Newark Evening News",
a Newark, New Jersey daily newspaper, carried an article stating that
IRVING HOWE, Co-Author of "U.A.W. And WALTER REUTHER", would address an
open meeting under the sponsorship of the Independent Socialist League at
the Labor Action Hall, 248 Market Street, Newark, New Jersey, on the topic,

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"Bureaucracy and Democracy In The Labor Movement" on September 23, 1949.

The Independent Socialist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

On February 5, 1952, Newark Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised the name I. HOME, 22 S. Stanworth Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, telephone 362-U was contained in the records of [REDACTED] Newark, New Jersey. b2 b7C

Newark Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised in [REDACTED] b2 b7E b7C

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Newark letters to Bureau dated September 2, 1953 and October 2,
1953.

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IRVING HORENSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

Reurlet dated May 21, 1954.

You are authorized to interview the subject in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. In view of subject's employment as an Associate Professor of English at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, this interview must be conducted in a particularly circumspect manner in order that no embarrassment to the Bureau will result.

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Subject not on S.I.

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REPORT MADE AT BOSTON	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 11 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/24/53; 1/11, 22, 29; 4/29, 30; 5/3, 4/54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE IRVING HOWE/STEIN, wa. Irving Howe			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - ISL

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject and wife presently residing at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Subject employed Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts as Associate Professor of English. Logical informants Massachusetts area have no knowledge of any subversive activities on part of subject.

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DETAILSBACKGROUNDI. EMPLOYMENT

Boston Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised on November 4, 1953, that IRVING HOWE was employed by Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts as an Associate Professor of English.

Boston Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised on January 22, 1954 that IRVING HOWE continues to be employed at Brandeis

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University as an Associate Professor of English.

B. RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] Wellesley, Massachusetts, advised that an individual known to his department as IRVING HOWE presently resides at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. b7C

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] advised for [REDACTED] b7C

the HOWE family at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] stated that HOWE operated a Chevrolet sedan in 1953 with New Jersey registration 1/W 65B [REDACTED] b7C

Boston Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that as of January 30, 1954, IRVING HOWE [REDACTED] resided at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. b2/b7C

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Boston Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of known reliability, who are familiar with some phases of subversive activities within the Boston area, advised that neither IRVING HOWENSTEIN nor IRVING HOWE is known to them. b2

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or description of information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File where located
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]	re subject's employment	11/4/53	Sa. [REDACTED]	Instant file b2 b7D b7C
[REDACTED] pretext inquiry at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass.	re subject's employment	1/22/54	[REDACTED]	Instant file b2 b7C
[REDACTED] Wellesley Hills Post Office, Wellesley, Massachusetts	re subject's residence	1/30/54	Sa. [REDACTED]	Instant file b2 b7C
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]	negative info re subject			b2
[REDACTED] is [REDACTED]	negative info re subject	5/4/54	Sa. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	4 b2 b7D b7C (S)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

From January 16, 1954 through February 13, 1954, a mail cover was maintained on the residence of the subject at 87 Parker Road, Wellesley 81, Massachusetts.

The following are individuals or organizations, unidentified to date, with whom the subject received correspondence during this period:

~~X~~ Dissent Press
509 Fifth Avenue,
New York 17, New York

[REDACTED]

b7c

~~X~~ Perspectives,
2 W. 46th Street,
New York 36, New York

~~X~~ Plastrik,
250 W. 104th W. 11th Street,
New York 11, New York

~~X~~ Partisan Review,
315 Sixth Avenue,
New York 11, New York

[REDACTED]

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LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will check the indices of that office with reference to the correspondence of the subject as set forth in the administrative details.

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BOSTON DIVISION

At Boston, Massachusetts

Will upon receipt of Bureau authority, interview subject.

REFERENCE: Report of S. [REDACTED] dated August 7, 1953
at New York City. b7C

Report of S. [REDACTED] dated February 12,
1954 at Newark. b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-377898)

DATE: 6/2/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-81932)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] 5/21/54, at Boston. b7c

Rerep sets out leads for the New York Office to identify and check the references of some fifteen correspondents of the subject. Inasmuch as considerable Agent time would be necessary to cover these leads, particularly on a reference check of such names as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] it is not believed that sufficient results would be obtained from conducting the requested investigation and, accordingly, the New York Office will not cover the leads as set out. b7c

If the Boston Office has a specific reason to conduct certain of these leads they should so advise New York so that the investigation may be carried out within appropriate limits. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377698)

DATE: August 26, 1954

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-28657)

SUBJECT: IRVING FORENSTEIN, wa. Irving Howe
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

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Subject FORENSTEIN was interviewed without prior notice at approximately 2:00 P.M. August 6, 1954 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] b7c. He was approached as he was preparing to enter his personal car, which was located in a parking area on Boylston Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Subject was affable. When advised by the interviewing Agents as to the reason for the interview, Subject stated that his activities in the Independent Socialist League were a matter of public record and that he saw no need to further discuss them. He then stated that he would be happy to sit in his own car and discuss ideologies. He continued that this was as far as he would go with the interviewing Agents and that he had no intention of identifying or "involving" others in view of what he described as the "misuse" of the Smith Act by the Department of Justice and the use of Executive Order 10450 to "Blackball radicals" and prevent them from earning a livelihood. He declined to further qualify these remarks.

He again stated that his own activities were a matter of public record, that he had been a member of and active in the Independent Socialist League for 10 years, and that he broke with the ISL approximately 18 months ago. He denied membership at any time in the Socialist Workers Party or any other group or organization which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence. He described himself as a "Socialist" and a life long "Anti Stalinist". b7c

Subject stated that in view of this, he had nothing to discuss with the F.B.I. At this point the interview was terminated.

It is to be noted that at no time during the course of the interview was the Subject hostile, and that throughout the interview he displayed a friendly and cordial manner. In view of the Subject's employment as an

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Associate Professor of English at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, the interview was conducted in a particularly circumspect manner in order that no embarrassment to the Bureau would result.

In view of the Subject's past activities and attitude at the time of interview and his denial of membership in the Socialist Workers Party, it is believed that he should be included in the Security Index. Accordingly, a recommendation for his inclusion in the Security Index is being made.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377398)

DATE: August 26, 1954

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-28657)

SUBJECT: IRVING HORENSTEIN, wa.
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

— The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME IRVING HORENSTEIN

ALIASES IRVING HOWE

DATE 9-17-97 BY 9803RDD/CE/LK

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, WALTHAM, MASS.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Boston, Massachusetts
December 13, 1957

RE: IRVING HOWE

On December 4, 1957, IRVING HOWE, 118 Farnham Street, Belmont, Massachusetts, employed as a Professor, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, advised that he is the owner of a gray leather suitcase, initialled "I. H." containing men's and women's clothing, toilet articles, films, colored photographs, and checks on the Harvard Trust Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts, stolen from him at Chartres, France last summer.

Professor HOWE stated that it is not possible for him to claim his property personally from the Clerk of the Court at Chartres, France, and further that he knows of no person who could claim his property for him.

Professor HOWE stated that he would write a letter to the Clerk of the Court at Chartres, France, requesting that his property be shipped to him, charges collect, at his residence, 118 Farnham Street, Belmont, Massachusetts.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-377898)
 FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-28657)
 SUBJECT: IRVING MORENSTEIN, aka
 SM - ISL

DATE: February 13, 1959

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Detroit Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Detroit Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 1314 Granger Ave.,Ann Arbor, MichiganBusiness Address: Wayne State University,Detroit, Michigan

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Check the following applicable statements:

X

This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.

This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.

(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

This subject was tabbed for Detcom.

This subject was tabbed for Comsab.

This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.

Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.

A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

 Security Index Cards

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- 1 - Summary report SA
- 2 - Boston letter to Bureau 5/19/55;
- 3 - photograph of subject;
- 4 - Boston report SA

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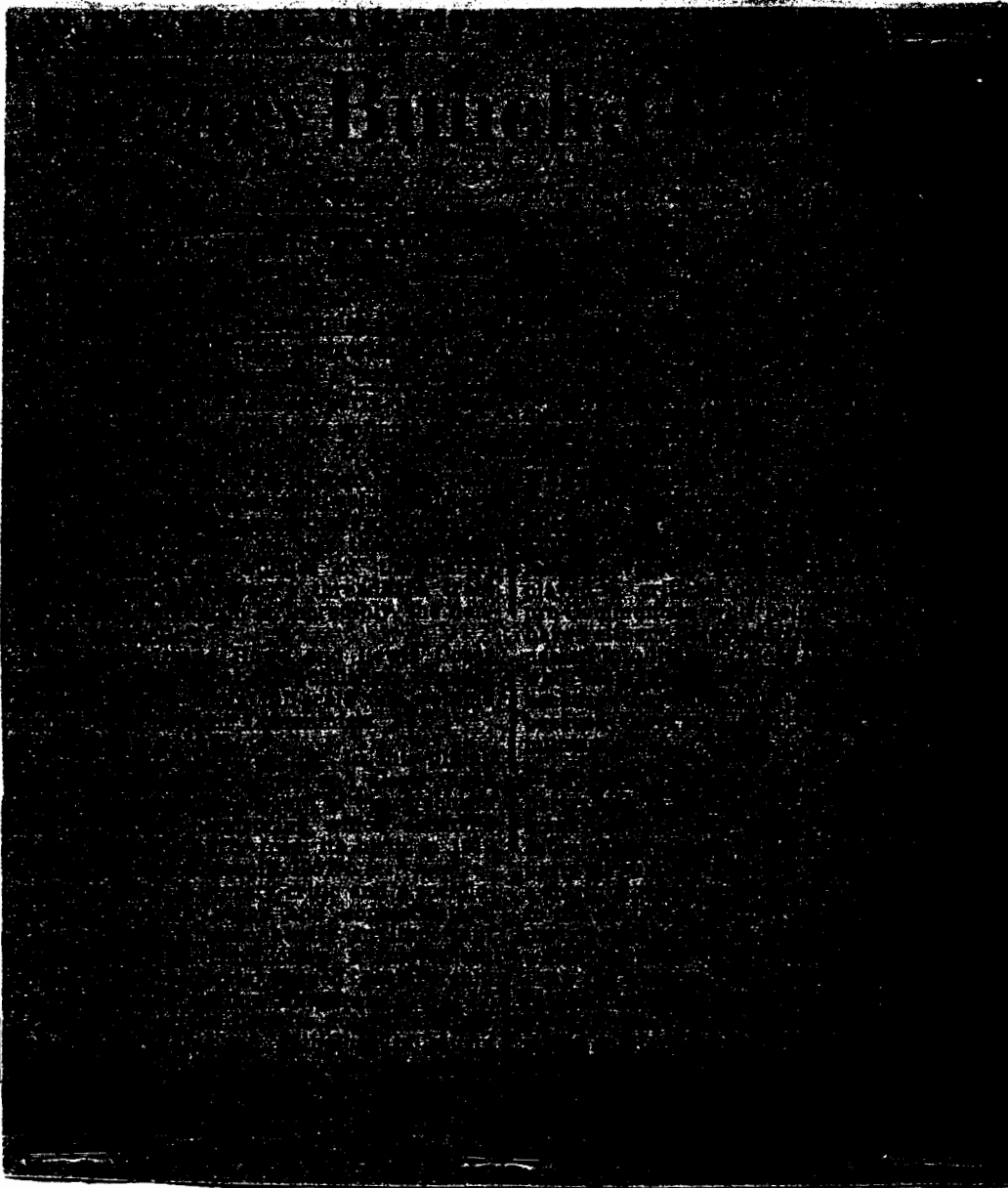
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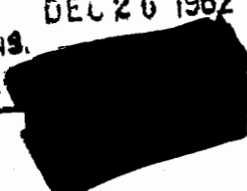
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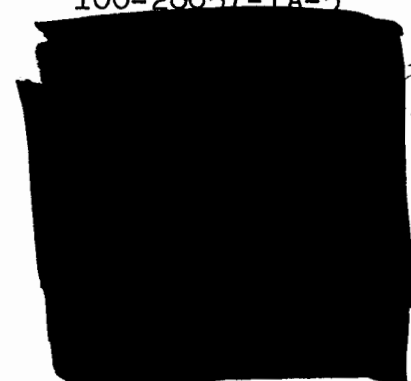
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Informants utilized to document organizations set forth in Appendix Pages of this report are identified as follows:

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The pretext mentioned in the details of this report to determine Subject's employment was a pretext telephone call to Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. by SA [REDACTED] on 10/30/58 in the guise of an associate attempting to locate Subject. b7c

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were used in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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Date: 3/31/59

Office: Boston, Massachusetts b7c

File Number: Boston 100-28657

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Title: IRVING HORENSTEIN

Character: SECURITY MATTER - ISL

Synopsis: Subject, IRVING HOWE, resides at 1314 Granger Ave, Ann Arbor, Mich. and is employed at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. in the English Department on a part time basis. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] advised one IRVING HOWE was, she believed, a Workers Party member. The Winter 1955 issue of "Dissent" showed IRVING HOWE as Editor, and the Autumn 1958 issue showed him as a member of the Editorial Board. Informants advised Subject co-author of pamphlet captioned "Dissent, Revolution In Eastern Europe", 11/56; spoke in Detroit in 1956; spoke in Boston, Mass. and Detroit, 1957 and in NYC and Detroit in 1958; that he subscribed to "Labor Action", 9/58.

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BACKGROUND

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The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives.

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Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning Labor Action:

- "1. The official organ of the Independent Socialist League; formerly the Workers Party (Attorney General J. HOWARD MC GRATH, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released September 29, 1949)."

II. ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] furnished information
that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were interviewed in early 1955 by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] interview [REDACTED] stated that she [REDACTED] During the [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] She furnished

the following concerning one IRVING HOWE: "Workers Party member, I believe. First and last met in Summer, 1949, Chicago. Writer, literary critic - lives in New York, I believe."

The Winter 1955 issue of "Dissent" contained a statement of ownership and management which listed IRVING HOWE as Editor of the publication.

The Autumn 1958 issue of "Dissent" disclosed that IRVING HOWE was a member of the Editorial Board of that publication.

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The Winter 1954, Volume One, Number One, issue of "Dissent" contained the following introduction:

"The purpose of this new magazine is suggested by its name: to dissent from the bleak atmosphere of conformism that pervades the political and intellectual life of the United States; to dissent from the support of the status quo now so noticeable on the part of many former radicals and Socialists; to dissent from the terrible assumption that a new war is necessary or inevitable and that the only way to defeat Stalinism is through atomic world suicide.

"The accent of 'Dissent' will be radical. Its tradition will be the tradition of Democratic Socialism. We will try to reassert the libertarian values of the Socialist ideal, and at the same time, to discuss freely and honestly what in the Socialist tradition remains alive and what needs to be discarded or modified.

"Dissent is not and does not propose to become a political party or group. On the contrary, its existence is based on the awareness that in America today there is no significant Socialist movement and that, in all likelihood, no such movement will appear in the immediate future. The Editors and supporters of Dissent are independent radicals bound together by common values and ideas, as well as to discuss freely their differences and problems."

The above issue of "Dissent" further contained the following statement:

"Dissent will attempt to:

"Provide fresh and lively critical opinion on the issues of the day.

"Bring together intellectual sentiment against the blight of conformism.

"Defend democratic, humanist and radical values.

"Attack all forms of totalitarianism, whether fascist or stalinist.

"Engage in frank and friendly dialogue with liberal opinion.

"Publish studies of American cultural life.

"Encourage scholarly contributions in political and social thought.

"Discuss and re-evaluate socialist doctrines.

"Dissent will not have any editorial position or statements. Each writer will speak for himself. Our magazine will be open to a wide arc of opinion, excluding only stalinists and totalitarian fellow travellers on the one hand and those former radicals who have signed their peace with society as it is, on the other. We shall welcome any expression of lively and competent thought or scholarly contributions touching upon our area of interest, even if these dissent from Dissent."

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IRVING HOWE as the guest-speaker. According to the principal subject of HOWE's talk was how sorry he was to have ever considered himself as a "Socialist", and that if he had to do it over again, he would not associate himself with such a movement because he felt that it would never amount to much more than just a movement. HOWE further stated that in spite of its ideals and some of the more fanatics that are members of various socialist organizations, there is no real socialist movement." HOWE, during his talk, referred to "Dissent" magazine and its program and stated that the magazine staff had considered dropping the word "Social" or "Socialist" from its program but had finally decided not to make any change.

[REDACTED] on August 31, 1956, furnished information that the "Labor Action" issue of September 3, 1956 had been mailed to IRVING HOWE of 118 Farnham Street, Belmont, Massachusetts.

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[redacted] on [redacted] furnished a pamphlet dated November, 1956, captioned, "Dissent, Revolution In Eastern Europe", by [redacted] IRVING HOWE, which disclosed that a dissent forum on "The Revolt In East Europe" was to be held December 1, 1956 at Adelphi Hall in New York City.

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[redacted] executed an Immigration and Naturalization Service Questionnaire at New York City, in which he stated that he believed key industries should be Government owned, but this should be done by the ballot box. He also stated that he did not believe in Communism, Fascism or Nazism.

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[redacted] of the Division of Subversive Activities, Massachusetts State Police, on March 15, 1957 furnished SA [redacted] with a report of Lieutenant [redacted] of the Massachusetts State Police concerning a "forum" held at the Community Church Center, 565 Boylston Street, Boston, on January 30, 1957. According to the report, one of the speakers at this forum was IRVING HOWE of Brandeis University who gave his analysis of the cause of the Polish and Hungarian uprisings in Eastern Europe. According to the report, HOWE definitely was anti-Communist in his analysis and repeatedly criticized the ruthless attacks by the Russian troops.

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[redacted] on [redacted] furnished an undated leaflet printed by the Politics Club, University of Chicago, which set forth the proposed Fall schedule for the Politics Club. According to the leaflet, IRVING HOWE, Editor of "Dissent", and Professor at Brandeis University, was scheduled to be one of the speakers at the November 3, 1957 Politics Club forum on the topic "The New Class, An Examination of the Issues Raised in Djilas' controversial book on Communist Society." This leaflet also set forth that the purpose of

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the Politics Club is "to bring together liberals, socialists and progressives in order to explore alternatives to Capitalism and Communism and, in general, to advance the ideas and program of Democracy. The Club welcomes all young people interested in exploring ideas together and concerned with the issues of the day. Within one framework it should be possible for all those who believe in Democracy everywhere-- in all aspects of American life, as well as in every other part of the world, Russia, Algeria, Hungary and Okinawa-- to co-operate".

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that "Dissent" which, up to that time, had been a magazine, was now the name of a new organization being established. The purpose of this new group is that of promoting discussions of socialism; it claims to be a "no action" group designed especially to reach young persons and it stands for "Democratic Socialism".

[redacted] and [redacted] on [redacted] respectively, advised that the newly established Dissent Group would apparently be using the name "Dissent Forum" and that it appeared to be primarily sponsored by the Young Socialist League having no direct relationship to the magazine "Dissent".

[redacted] on [redacted] advised that on [redacted]

[redacted] on [redacted] furnished an announcement concerning a Democratic Socialist Forum scheduled for November 16, 1957, which announcement in part stated "Hear IRVING HOWE, Editor of 'Dissent' and author of 'Politics of the Novel' and other books discuss, 'Crisis in the Communist World'." According to the announcement, the Forum was to be the first in a series of discussions on the "Crisis of Our Times" and was scheduled to be held on November 16, 1957 at the YWCA, 13130 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] on [REDACTED] advised that a public forum sponsored by the quarterly publication "Dissent" was held on April 4, 1958 at the Hotel Diplomat, New York City. According to [REDACTED] the fourth speaker, IRVING HOWE, and original "Dissent" Editor, evidenced considerable dejection over the low level of activity that now characterized U. S. socialism. HOWE claimed to be unaware that socialism could meet all the problems that beset it and our country. If trends were to continue unchanged as he saw them, there would probably result in our country a low-charged autocracy somewhere between freedom and totalitarianism. HOWE stated that in central planning, even of the socialist variety, there was a danger that the concentration of power for planning purposes would destroy freedom, and, to be successful and accepted, U. S. socialism must be democratic and welcome some degree of small, independent business. HOWE concluded with a plea for studied regroupment of socialist elements.

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[REDACTED] on October 18, 1958, furnished information that IRVING HOWE had directed a post card to "Labor Action", 114 West 14th Street, New York City, in September, 1958, requesting a change of address to 1314 Granger Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan for his subscription to "Labor Action".

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APPENDIX

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST FORUM

An informant, [REDACTED] advised that the Democratic Socialist Forum was set up in the Fall of 1957 by members of the Detroit Socialist Party - Socialist Democratic Federation (SP-SDF) to provide speakers concerning various topics of current interest. Informant advised that both members and non-members of the SP-SDF have appeared as speakers at the Democratic Socialist Forum, but that all administrative arrangements for the meetings have been handled by SP-SDF members.

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APPENDIX

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE
FORMERLY WORKERS PARTY

The May 4, 1942, issue of "Labor Action," then an official publication of the Workers Party (WP), carried an article which reflected that the WP was formed in April, 1940, as a result of a split within the leadership of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). The article stated that when the Hitler-Stalin Pact was signed and Poland invaded, the minority group within the SWP, in proclaiming the formation of the WP, condemned the pact as being imperialistic in nature and stated it would not support either imperialist camp.

The April 25, 1949, issue of "Labor Action" contained an account of the Fifth National Convention of the WP, held March 24-27, 1949, in New York City, which reflected the change of name of the organization from the WP to the Independent Socialist League (ISL) in order to emphasize the character of the group as a propaganda group for the spreading of socialist ideas and not as a fullfledged political party.

The July 14, 1958, issue of "Labor Action", an official publication of the ISL, contained an article captioned, "The ISL Program in Brief." The article indicated: "The ISL stands for socialist democracy and against the two systems of exploitation which now divide the world: capitalism and Stalinism. The ISL, as a Marxist movement, looks to the working class and its ever-present struggle as the basic progressive force in society. The ISL is organized to spread the ideas of socialism in the labor movement and among all other sections of the people. There can be no lasting and genuine democracy without socialism and there can be no socialism without democracy."

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The September 22, 1958, issue of "Labor Action" contained an undated statement signed by the Political Committee of the ISL which indicated that the ISL had been dissolved. The statement urged former ISL members to join the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

POLITICS CLUB
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

An informant, [REDACTED] advised that the Politics Club, University of Chicago was reactivated by the Chicago Young Socialist League (YSL) in the Fall of 1957 and that the Chicago YSL completely controls and dominates this organization at this time. This informant stated that the YSL utilizes the Political Club to sponsor YSL symposiums at the University of Chicago and also uses the Politics Club to recruit new members into the YSL.

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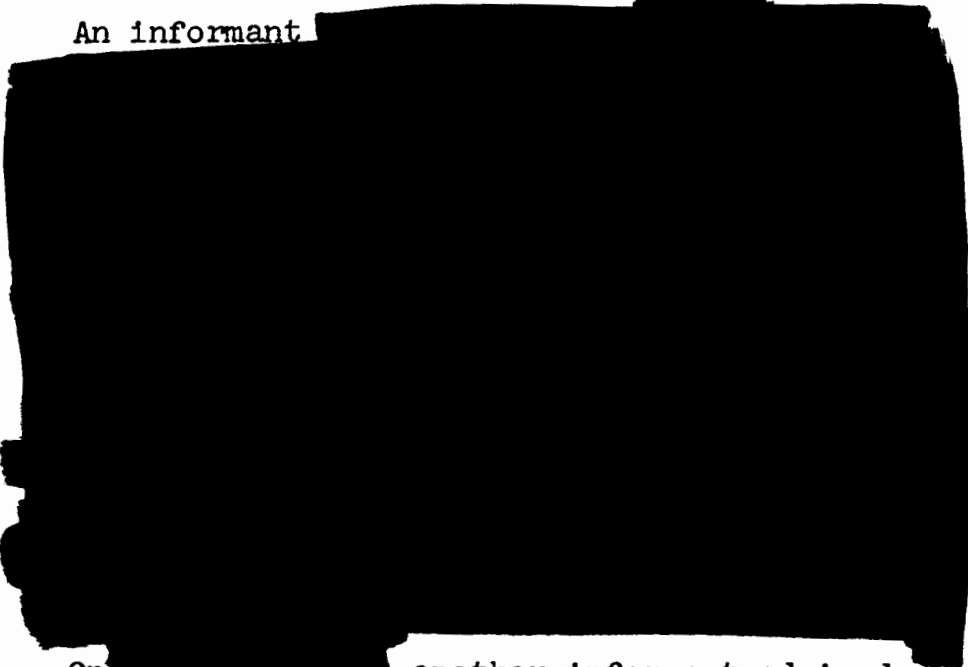
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YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE

The March 1, 1954 issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action", an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the Young Socialist League (YSL), which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

An informant



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On [redacted], another informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon

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by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL.

The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

The September 22, 1958 issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation.

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SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE

An informant has advised that the Socialist Youth League (SYL) began in 1945 when several militant members of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL), the youth organization of the Socialist Party, accepted a proposal that they become affiliated with the Workers Party. The first issue of the group's newspaper, "Youth Action for Socialism," in October, 1945, contained an article which indicated that "...Only socialism can answer youth's needs for jobs, peace, education and a fuller life...Our organization is the only national revolutionary youth group in America."

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Another informant



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IRVING HORENSTEIN
SECURITY MATTER - ISL

Reference is made to the report of
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All informants mentioned in referenced report
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 Irving Arthur Howe
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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 3/31/59,
 at Boston. b7c

The only information available in the files of the
 Detroit Office concerning the Subject not included in referenced
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 [REDACTED] that IRVING HOWE [REDACTED]

In view of the above, the Detroit Office feels that
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